REMEMBERING MARGARET L. JACUBEC PAVLOV

## HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Margaret L. Jacubec Pavlov, who passed October 26, 2022. She was 85 years old.

Margaret, affectionately known as "Peggy" and "Bam," was born on September 28, 1937, in East Palestine, Ohio, a daughter of the late Charles and Elizabeth Gibb Gough, Jr. At the age of seven, she moved to Struthers and lived with her grandparents. Charles and Mary Gough, Sr., while her father was in World War II. Peggy was a graduate of Struthers High School and attended Kent State University for Journalism

She married young and had four children, Elizabeth, Jill, Jon and Matthew. After her youngest child started school, she and her best friend, Margy Becker, opened a successful Struthers business, Phelan's Paint and Paper. Her humor and laughter were a part of the success of that business. She continued her career with other endeavors, becoming a real estate agent and interior decorating. Her final job was as the Office Manager for Total Care Psychological Services, where she made many lifelong friends. In 2020, she retired at the age of 83.

Among her many talents, her Christmas trees were decorated, displaying her artistic ability. She loved a good competition. if it be growing zucchinis or the Word Jumble on Sunday morning if you were up for it. She frequented New York City, going every year from the age of 18 to 82. When it came to music and movies, you could always find Sinatra or Elvis playing on her radio and good ole westerns playing on the TV starring John Wayne.

Peggy supported her four grandsons in their basketball and football high school and college years and softball for her only granddaughter, Jaelyn. She had an open-door policy for her homes for anyone to visit, stay and eat. Her last two homes were chosen because the swimming pools would be a place for friends and family to gather.

While attending a Struthers Wildcat Reunion, she reconnected, after 40 years, with her high school sweetheart, John Pavlov. They married and continued a loving relationship until John's passing in 2021. Whatever life threw her way, Peggy conquered with grace and a smile.

She was blessed with lifelong and loyal friends, Bernie Pavlansky, who comforted her every day with back rubs and stories shared of their escapades; Joanne Howard and her delicious food; Catherine and Ken Baker and their fun trips to Geneva on Halloween and New York City; Marion Creed and their weekly lunch; Mabel Creed who was an influential person in her life; Dan Becker and Dottie for being loyal and loving friends whom she loved dearly and all of her wonderful neighbors on Hamilton Blvd.

She leaves behind her four children, Elizabeth, Jill, Jon and his wife, Nancy, whom Peggy considered a daughter and Matthew; her loving siblings, Walt Gough and Phoebe Horvath; grandchildren, Nicholas, Nathan, Jacob, Jaret and Jaelyn; her friend and cous-

in, Ted Gough; nieces, Amy Cuffle and Jenni Chichka and her best buddy and four-legged companion, Wilson. In addition to her parents, Peggy was preceded in death by the father of her children, Richard "Jooks" Jacubec and father and mother-in-law, Emil and Nellie Jacubec.

HONORING IRAL PORTER

#### HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Iral Porter for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022. Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Iral Porter's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Iral Porter for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

TRIBUTE TO KATIE FRALEY

# HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend Katie Fraley. She influenced countless students over four decades in the classroom and was an enthusiastic force in the civic life of the Taylorville community.

Katie worked to earn a master's degree in education from the University of Illinois by attending night school in Springfield and summer school in Champaign, while teaching school in Taylorville and raising her young daughter.

For nearly 40 years, she taught fourth grade at North Elementary School, where she arrived every day flamboyantly dressed and raring to go. She cared deeply about her students and took great pride in their accomplishments in the classroom and in all stages of their lives. She was known for directing the school's Christmas musicals, holding an annual Hawaiian luau, and instructing students in the fine art of assembling scrapbooks about Abraham Lincoln.

After 41 years in the classroom, Katie "retired", leaving teaching but not education. She was elected to three four-year terms on the Taylorville School Board. Her vision was for the school district to build a fine arts center, a goal that that is now in early planning and fundraising phases. She was an energetic fixture in many facets of community life and was involved with the Taylorville First United Methodist Church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the P.E.O., an international

women's education and advocacy organization.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Vance Fraley, of Taylorville, her children Karen, Lenee, Derek, and Lena, and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and countless former students who have said that she was an influential figure in their education and in their lives.

The Taylorville community won't be the same without Katie. Rest in Peace, my friend.

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUILDING SKILLS PARTNERSHIP

## HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Building Skills Partnership (BSP) on 15 years of improving the quality of life of property service workers in low-wage industries, as well as their families and communities.

BSP is a non-profit organization founded with the vision of creating an equitable playing field for California's working families to succeed in their careers and educational endeavors. Born out of the Justice for Janitors movement that helped thousands of immigrant janitors achieve a more just way of living and working, BSP partnered with responsible businesses and employers to pilot its first workplace training, which focused on Vocational English language acquisition.

BSP programs serve 5,500 participants annually and focus on workforce development, immigrant inclusion, and community advancement. The organization offers career and education programs that enable workers' personal and professional success. Today, BSP represents a unique partnership between over 90 janitorial employers, over 60 commercial building owners, the Service Employees International Union–United Service Workers West (SEIU–USWW), and the broader community. With collaboration and a holistic approach to programming, BSP continues to strive to create an equitable future for working families to build a better life.

Thanks to BSP's dedication, BSP has expanded to seven major cities across California and broadened its programming to fully address the unique barriers immigrant janitors and their children face in realizing the benefits of social, civic, and economic integration.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the 15th anniversary of Building Skills Partnership.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{HONORING CORNELIA "CORKY"} \\ \text{DOZIER} \end{array}$ 

## HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Cornelia "Corky" Dozier for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Cornelia "Corky" Dozier's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Cornelia "Corky" Dozier for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

TRIBUTE TO PETE SIEMENS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

## HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pete Siemens as he retires from his position as a Director of the Board of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen). Pete represents Ward One which is comprised of the communities of Cupertino, Lexington Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and Saratoga.

Pete Siemens was first appointed to the Midpen Board in 1994. Since that time he has served with great distinction furthering Midpen's goal to preserve a connected greenbelt of more than 65,000 acres in the greater Santa Cruz Mountains region.

Pete Siemens was born in San Francisco and raised in the Central Valley, He earned a B.S. degree in math from Fresno State University and worked as a rocket test engineer. He is now a consultant in test-system design for medical implants.

Pete Siemens has given generously of his time and considerable talents to his community, serving as a Los Gatos Council member and as Mayor. He also solved as a Los Gatos Planning Commissioner and on the Santa Clara County Transportation Commission. He volunteered in the restoration of the Grant Cabin, and he and his wife Diane volunteer at the Daniels Nature Center.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in thanking Pete Siemens for his extraordinary service as a Member of the Board of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. We are a stronger and better region because of his public service.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF RECORD-SETTING TRACK AND FIELD OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST ALLYSON FELIX

#### HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor Allyson Felix, who lives in my

district, for her illustrious track and field career. Ms. Felix finished her 20-year international career by winning bronze and gold medals on U.S. relay teams at the July 15–24 World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon. Ms. Felix holds the distinction of winning more medals than any United States track and field Olympian in history, male or female. She has competed and won in five straight Olympic games, medaling in Athens, Beijing, London, Rio, and Tokyo.

Ms. Felix joined the track team at LA Baptist High School in North Hills, California, mentored by Coach Jonathan Patton. During that time Ms. Felix ran the 200 meter in the Mexico City World Junior Championship, finishing with a time of 22.11 seconds, the fastest recorded time for a high school girl in history.

She won her first silver medal at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens while enrolled at the University of Southern California. She went on to graduate with a degree in elementary education.

Her "firsts" continued when, at the 2005 Helsinki World Championship, she became the youngest person to win in the 200 meters race. Two years later she defended that title at the 2007 Osaka World Championships and became just the second female athlete to win three gold medals at a single IAAF World Championship in Athletics.

She has also used her platform to speak out on disparities in pay for athletes during and after pregnancy, and disparities in care for Black people giving birth. Her 2019 New York Times op-ed on pregnancy pay discrimination prompted public outcry and a Congressional inquiry. That year, Ms. Felix also testified before the House Ways and Means Committee on Black maternal mortality after suffering lifethreatening pre-eclampsia while carrying her daughter

Ms. Felix has won a total of eleven Olympic medals: one bronze, three silver, and seven gold, including her most recent gold and bronze medals at the Tokyo Olympics. The Nation, our state of California and our city of Los Angeles can feel justifiably proud of her accomplishments both on and off the field.

HONORING WENDALL K. JONES

## HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Ambassador Wendall K. Jones for his contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation. Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Ambassador Wendall K. Jones' commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Ambassador Wendall K. Jones for his contributions to the community and his role in the

historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{HONORING THE LIFE OF DALE} \\ \text{JOHNSON} \end{array}$ 

### HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the life of Dale W. Johnson—a leader of the Makah Tribe who recently passed away.

Dale Johnson served as Chairman of the Makah Tribal Council and the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission. He led efforts to restore the Makah halibut, black cod, and whiting fisheries. Dale was also active within community sporting activities including basketball, football, and the traditional war canoe races. I was grateful for his partnership, and I was always honored to work with him on the critical issues impacting his Tribe.

I am humbled to speak in recognition of Dale. I join his family and the Makah Tribe in mourning his passing, but also in recognizing that his good work will contribute to the community for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE GROUND BREAKING OF CONCOURSE A AT KEY WEST INTERNATIONAL AIR-PORT

## HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the groundbreaking of Concourse A at Key West International Airport (EYW). As the proud representative of Florida's 26th Congressional District, I fought hard to include crucial funding for Monroe County, including the nearly \$40 million in federal grants for this airport expansion project at EYW. This new concourse will augment the airport's enplanement capacity, making it a vital project for the residents, tourists, and businesses in the Florida Keys.

Monroe County, whose Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved plans for the project in August, has big plans for Concourse A. Totaling nearly 49,000 square feet, it will contain expanded baggage areas and concession opportunities, seven new passenger boarding jet bridges, and more office spaces. New airline ramp spaces and ramp equipment storage areas will also be housed below the new concourse. Clear story windows and a curtain wall system will provide plenty of natural light for all airport users to enjoy. The airport's main terminal will also be expanded, with renovations to accommodate space for four new security lanes and added support spaces at the existing restaurant location, among other improvements. An extended pedestrian bridge, located after Concourse A's security checkpoint, will connect the new concourse with the main terminal.

Millions visit the Florida Keys every year, and Key West International Airport plays a crucial role in facilitating much of that tourism.